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Important Information Regarding Proposed Agency Changes in 2011

In an effort to provide more customer driven services to the employer community the Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) is preparing for many changes in 2011. Many of these changes are voluntary, pending legislative approval, and we are interested in getting your feedback on their implementation. For more details on the proposed changes and how you can have your comments heard, see the attached bullet points.

During 2011 the DEW will make continued efforts to go paperless. Businesses now have the option to file quarterly returns and make payments electronically. Employers can prepare for this change by filing online at SCDEW's website (dew.sc.gov) or SCBOS' website (www.scbos.sc.gov) or by calling 866-831-1726 to file zero reports. In the future, SCDEW is also looking to expand online payment options. More details on this transition will be made available to employers throughout the year.

The agency's second request is for employers to submit wage reports within 15 days after the end of the quarter. This change requires legislative approval and at this point is voluntary. With the legislative changes that outline how unemployment benefits claims are to be processed beginning 2011, we anticipate a greater need for the most recent employer wage data. The objective in requesting the quarterly wage data sooner is to reduce the likelihood that employers will be contacted multiple times from various sections within the Department to provide wage data for individuals who file claims for unemployment insurance benefits.



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Filing Contribution and Wage Reports on the 15th day after the end of the quarter

- The agency is seeking feedback on amending the regulation governing the due dates for wage and contribution reports. All comments can be sent to

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A public hearing on this and other agency regulatory changes has been scheduled for

January 28, 2011

South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce

Foster Auditorium

631 Hampton Street Columbia, SC

9:00am-11:00am

- The current regulation is that employers have until the last day of the month following the end of the quarter to submit their wage and contribution reports.
- We are requesting that this time be shortened to the 15th day after the end of the quarter.
- This change is being requested to lessen the need for field deputies to directly contact employers to verify wages required for claims filed under the new UI Modernization law.
- Employers who do not file within fifteen days after the quarter ends will not be subject to penalty and interest assessments.
- If we can get the wage information in our system more quickly, we may be able to eliminate some of the one-on-one contact with employers on individual's wages.

Filing Wage and Contribution Reports Electronically

- As we move to a more efficient, paperless agency, we are encouraging employers to file their wage and contribution reports electronically.
- At this time employers continue to have the option of filing online or through traditional paper forms. Employers can save time and begin the transition by filing online either through SCDEW's website (dew.sc.gov) or through the SC Business OneStop (www.scbos.sc.gov).
- Employers can also file "zero reports" by calling 866-831-1726.
- SCDEW is also researching ways to expand online payment options to eliminate the need for paper checks to pay unemployment taxes.
- Additional information on this topic will be distributed to employers throughout the year and made available on our website.